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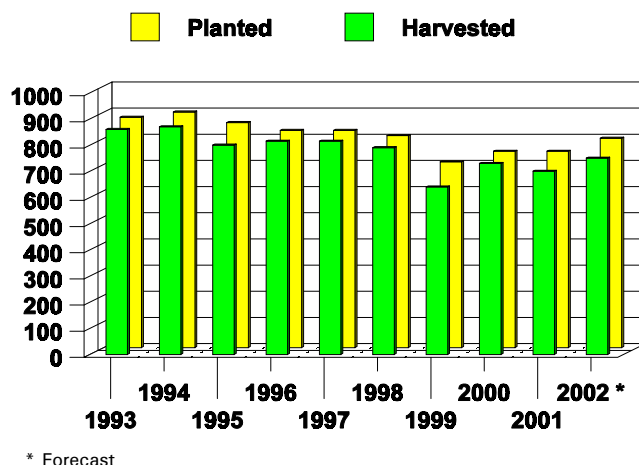
Oregon's 2002 winter wheat crop up 34 percent

Oregon's first forecast of 2002 winter wheat production is 37.5 million bushels, 34 percent above 2001. Based on conditions as of May 1, yield is forecast at 50 bushels per acre, up 10 bushels from 2001's yield of 40, which was the lowest yield since 1977. Acres for harvest, at 750,000, are up 7 percent from the previous year. Condition of the crop is more variable than normal. Some areas of north central Oregon are still suffering drought conditions.

Winter wheat production in the Pacific Northwest (Oregon, Idaho and Washington) is expected to total 202.8 million bushels this year, up 9 percent from the 2001 production of 186.6 million bushels. Idaho growers expect to produce 53.1 million bushels, up 3 percent from a year ago. Acreage is forecast at 690,000 acres, 3 percent below last year. Yields in Idaho are expected to average 77 bushels per acre, up 4 bushels per acre from last year. Washington production is forecasted at 112.2 million bushels, up 15 percent from 2001. Washington acreage decreased from 1.75 million acres to 1.70 million acres and the average yield is expected to be 66 bushels per acre, up 5 bushels per acre from last year. Yields in the Pacific Northwest are expected to average 64.6 bushels per acre, 5.6 bushels

Oregon Winter Wheat

Acres by Year



above last year's average of 59.0. Acres for harvest as grain are expected to total 3.14 million acres, down slightly from 2001.

Winter wheat production in the United States is forecast at 1.30 billion bushels, down 4 percent from 2001. This is the lowest production since 1978. Based on May 1 conditions, the U.S. yield is forecast at 43.1 bushels per acre, 0.4 bushels less than last year. Grain area totals 30.2 million acres, down 4 percent from last season. This is the lowest harvested acreage since 1917. All classes declined from a year ago, with Soft Red Winter showing the largest acreage drop at 8 percent. Hard Red Winter and White Winter declined 3 percent and 1 percent, respectively.

Winter wheat: Acres harvested, yield and production, selected states and U.S., forecasted, May 1, 2002

State	Area harvested			Yield per acre		Production		
	2001	Forecast 2002	2002 2001	2001	Forecast 2002	2001	Forecast 2002	2002 2001
	1,000 acres	1,000 acres	%	Bushels	Bushels	1,000 bushels	1,000 bushels	%
Oregon	700	750	107	40.0	50.0	28,000	37,500	134
Idaho	710	690	97	73.0	77.0	51,830	53,130	103
Washington	1,750	1,700	97	61.0	66.0	106,750	112,200	105
Pacific Northwest ^{1/}	3,160	3,140	99	59.0	64.6	186,580	202,830	109
U.S. total	31,295	30,174	96	43.5	43.1	1,361,479	1,300,726	96

^{1/} Includes Oregon, Idaho and Washington.

Oregon hay stocks down from last May

Hay stocks on Oregon farms and ranches on May 1, 2002, totaled 183,000 tons, down from May 1, 2001, stocks of 241,000 tons. December 1, 2001, stocks were 1,901,000 tons. The decline in part can be contributed to higher stocks last year due to the winter of 2000-2001 being very mild.

Pacific Northwest hay stocks on May 1, 2002, totaled 797,000 tons, up from 701,000 tons a year ago. The December 1, 2001, stocks were 5,982,000 tons.

Nationally, stocks of all hay stored on farms totaled 22.5 million tons on May 1, up 7 percent from the previous year. The increase in May 1 stocks was mainly the result of the 2001 hay crop increasing by 3 percent. Disappearance of hay from December 1, 2001 - May 1, 2002, totaled 88.0 million tons, 4 percent higher than the disappearance of 84.5 million tons for the same period a year ago.

On farm stocks of hay: Selected states and U.S. 2000 and 2001 crops

State	2000 crop			2001 crop		
	Production	Dec 1, 2000 stocks	May 1, 2001 stocks	Production	Dec 1, 2001 stocks	May 1, 2002 stocks
	<i>1,000 tons</i>	<i>1,000 tons</i>	<i>1,000 tons</i>	<i>1,000 tons</i>	<i>1,000 tons</i>	<i>1,000 tons</i>
Oregon	3,018	1,766	241	3,052	1,901	183
Idaho	5,292	2,857	265	4,938	2,568	444
Washington	3,249	1,303	195	3,088	1,513	170
Pacific Northwest ^{1/}	11,559	5,926	701	11,078	5,982	797
U.S. total	151,921	105,582	21,106	156,703	110,510	22,494

^{1/} Includes Oregon, Idaho and Washington.

May 1 potato stocks down 35 percent

Potato stocks in **Oregon** totaled 6.5 million cwt. (325,000 tons), on May 1, 2002, down 35 percent from May 1, 2001. Stocks account for 31 percent of 2001 production, down 2 percent from last year. Oregon stocks were not all grown in Oregon. Stocks include potatoes received from other States now stored in Oregon. Ninety percent of Oregon's stocks are in the Hermiston/Boardman area, while Klamath stocks are 1 percent of the State's total. A year ago 76 percent of Oregon's stocks were in the Hermiston/Boardman area, while 3 percent were in the Klamath area. Hermiston/Boardman area stocks were down 23 percent and Klamath area stocks were down 88 percent from May 1, 2001.

Nationally, the 15 major potato States held 91.1 million cwt. of potatoes in storage May 1, 2002, down 17 percent from last year but 5 percent above 2000. Storage accounts for 23 percent of the 2001 fall storage States' production, down 1 percentage point from a year ago. Disappearance of 303 million cwt. is down 13 percent from last year and the lowest since 1992. Processors in the 9 major States used 148 million cwt. of potatoes this season, down 13 percent from a year ago.

Potato stocks are defined as the quantity (whether sold or not) remaining in storage for all purposes and use, including shrinkage and waste, and other losses that occur after May 1.

Potatoes: Production and total stocks of fall potatoes, 2000 and 2001

State	Crop of 2000			Crop of 2001		
	Production	Total stocks May 1, 2001	May 1 stocks as % of production	Production	Total stocks May 1, 2002	May 1 stocks as % of production
	<i>1,000 cwt.</i>	<i>1,000 cwt.</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>1,000 cwt.</i>	<i>1,000 cwt.</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Oregon	30,683	10,000	33	20,730	6,500	31
Idaho	152,320	47,000	31	127,980	40,500	32
Washington	105,000	21,500	20	94,400	18,000	19
Pacific Northwest ^{1/}	288,003	78,500	27	243,110	65,000	27
California	3,741	800	21	1,113	110	10
Colorado	27,972	7,400	26	21,357	5,100	24
Maine	17,920	4,000	22	16,120	3,000	19
Michigan	14,963	700	5	14,030	400	3
Minnesota	21,240	5,800	27	18,425	4,300	23
Montana	3,503	750	21	3,040	700	23
North Dakota	26,950	6,800	25	26,400	7,600	29
Wisconsin	33,800	3,300	10	31,955	4,000	13
Other states ^{2/}	20,735	1,110	5	18,611	930	5
15 State total	458,827	109,160	24	394,161	91,140	23

^{1/} Includes Oregon, Idaho and Washington. ^{2/} Includes Nebraska, New York, Pennsylvania, and Ohio. n/a = not available.

Milk production cash receipts up 28 percent from 2000

Oregon dairies produced 1.717 billion pounds of milk in 2001, an increase of five percent from the previous year. Cash receipts from marketings of milk in Oregon totaled \$266.1 million, compared to \$209.9 million in 2000. The increase in cash receipts is a result of the \$2.70 average increase in producer returns per cwt. and the 5,000 head increase in the number of milk cows. The average production per cow for the year was 18,074 pounds, down slightly from the previous year.

In the **United States** milk production decreased 1 percent in 2001 to 165 billion pounds. The rate per cow, at 18,139 pounds, was 62 pounds below 2000. The annual average number of cows on farms, at 9.12 million head, was 91,000 head less than 2000.

Cash receipts from marketings of milk during 2001, at \$24.7 billion, was 20 percent above 2000. Producer returns averaged \$15.05 per hundredweight, 21 percent above 2000. Marketings totaled 164 billion pounds, 1 percent below 2000. Marketings include whole milk sold to plants and dealers as well as milk sold directly to consumers.

Milk production and marketings, 2000-2001

Item	Unit	Oregon		United States	
		2000	2001	2000	2001
Number of milk cows	Thousands	90	95	*9,206	9,115
Production of milk:					
Per milk cow	Pounds	*18,222	18,074	*18,201	18,139
Percentage of fat	Percent	3.65	3.66	3.68	3.67
Total production:					
Milk	Mil. lbs.	*1,640	1,717	*167,559	165,336
Milk fat	Mil. lbs.	*59.9	62.8	*6,170.6	6,072.3
Combined marketings of milk & cream					
Milk utilized	Mil. lbs.	*1,621	1,709	*166,256	164,072
Average returns:					
Per 100 pounds of milk	Dollars	12.80	15.50	12.40	15.05
Per pound milk fat	Dollars	3.51	4.23	3.37	4.10
Cash receipts from marketing	1,000 \$'s	*207,488	264,895	*20,607,889	24,694,531
Value of all milk produced	1,000 \$'s	*209,920	266,135	*20,770,589	24,886,929

* Revised.

All livestock value of production up 7 percent

Oregon's value of all livestock production for 2001 totaled \$846 million, up 7 percent from the \$790 million for 2000. A large increase in the value of milk production, 27 percent above 2000, was the main reason for the increase. Increases were also noted for eggs, equine, hogs and pigs, trout, and wool, while declines were recorded for cattle and calves, mink, sheep and lambs, and honey. Trout value of production increased almost four fold since 1999.

Oregon's value of livestock production

Rank 2001	Livestock or livestock products	Value of production		
		1999	2000	2001
		<i>1,000 dollars</i>	<i>1,000 dollars</i>	<i>1,000 dollars</i>
1	Cattle & Calves	389,824	428,285	422,986
2	Milk	248,085	209,920	266,135
3	Eggs ^{1/}	42,699	44,879	49,672
4	Equine ^{2/}	21,184	22,463	23,286
5	Mink ^{1/}	8,478	8,557	8,069
6	Sheep & Lambs	7,128	8,533	8,043
7	Hogs & Pigs	5,080	6,157	6,482
8	Trout ^{3/}	561	1,365	2,205
9	Honey	2,052	1,616	1,336
10	Wool	374	403	408
	Other Livestock ^{2/}	56,118	57,799	57,684
	Total Value	781,583	789,977	846,306

^{1/} Price data from Oregon State University.

^{2/} Data from Oregon State University.

^{3/} Total value of fish sold.

U. S. wages up 6 percent from a year ago

There were 1.08 million hired workers on the farms and ranches in the U.S. for the week of April 7-13, 2002. Migrant workers accounted for 8.8 percent of the April labor force.

On average, U.S. wage rates were up 6 percent from a year ago. All hired workers were paid \$8.83 an hour, 52 cents more than a year ago. Field workers made \$8.06 per hour, up 45 cents from previous year. Livestock workers were paid \$8.43 an hour.

Average hours worked was 38.4, unchanged from a year ago.

There were 69,000 hired workers in the Pacific region, working an average of 38.4 hours a week.

Wage rates for all hired workers in the region was \$9.10 per hour. Field workers received \$8.18 per hour. Livestock workers were paid \$9.45 per hour.

Hired farm workers, April 7-13, 2002 ^{1/}

Area		Number of hired workers	Expected to be employed		Number of hours worked	Wage rates for all hired workers	Type of worker		
			150 days or more	149 days or less			Field	Livestock	Field & Livestock Combined
		<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Dollars per hour</i>	<i>Dollars per hour</i>	<i>Dollars per hour</i>	<i>Dollars per hour</i>
PNW ^{2/}	2002	69	56	13	38.4	9.10	8.18	9.45	8.33
	2001	61	42	19	38.8	8.40	7.75	8.75	7.87
MTN ^{3/}	2002	28	23	5	43.0	8.00	7.55	7.92	7.80
	2001	23	19	4	46.4	7.48	7.11	7.16	7.14
CALIF	2002	245	209	36	43.7	9.13	8.33	10.20	8.47
	2001	168	133	35	42.1	8.59	7.82	9.02	7.96
U.S.	2002	890	722	168	40.2	8.83	8.06	8.43	8.15
	2001	804	627	177	40.2	8.31	7.61	8.01	7.71

^{1/} Excludes agricultural service workers.

^{2/} Includes Oregon and Washington.

^{3/} Includes Idaho, Montana & Wyoming.

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